

MINUTES
OF
MEETING OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Central Office Auditorium
1221 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia

August 15, 2002
10:00 a.m.

The monthly meeting of the Commonwealth Transportation Board was held in the Central Auditorium of the Department of Transportation in Richmond, Virginia on August 15, 2002. The Chairman, Whittington W. Clement, presided. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

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Present: Messrs. Bailey, Bowie, Davies, Keen, Klinge, McCarthy, Mitchel, Stone, Ware, Watson, White and Ms. Connally; Vice Chairman Shucet and Mr. Bevon, ex officio with the Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

Absent: Mr. Lester and Ms. Dragas.

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The Chairman welcomed the newest member of the Commonwealth Transportation Board: Jim D. Bowie, filling the unexpired term of L. C. "Sonny" Martin, as the Bristol District representative. [Note: Mr. Frank Goodpasture, III withdrew from consideration as the Bristol District representative, due to an irreconcilable conflict of interest.]

Mr. Bowie took the oath of office in Bristol prior to the meeting; Mr. Watson took the oath of office in Richmond prior to the meeting.

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Agenda Item 1: Public Comment: None. The Chairman stated that the criteria for public comment were under review.

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Agenda Item 2: Action on Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of July 18, 2002. Referenced by attachment of minutes.

Moved by Mr. Mitchel, seconded by Mr. Bailey. Motion carried, minutes approved.

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Agenda Item 3: Committee Reports: None. The Chairman stated that the organization of the committees was under review.

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SECONDARY ROAD DIVISION:

Agenda Item 4: Action on Additions and Abandonments of Roads in the Secondary System, July 2002. Referenced by attachment of Report.

Moved by Mr. Klinge, seconded by Mr. Bailey. Motion carried, report accepted.

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Agenda Item 5: Action (by single motion) on Access Projects, specifically (A) Industrial Access - Washington County - Glade Highlands Regional Industrial Park and (B) Recreational Access - Carroll County/Town of Hillsville - Carter Pines Community Park. Referenced by attachment of Resolutions, fact sheets and maps.

Moved by Mr. Bowie, seconded by Mr. Mitchel. Motion carried, resolutions approved.

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TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DIVISION:

Agenda Item 6: Action on Bridge Designation, specifically Frankie Lynn Betterton Memorial Bridge - Proposed Route 58 Bypass - City of Danville. Referenced by attachment of Resolution, fact sheet and map.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Bailey. Motion carried, resolution approved.

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RIGHT OF WAY AND UTILITIES DIVISION:

Agenda Item 7: Action (by single motion) on Surplus Property, specifically (A) Route 57 - Henry County, (B) Route 606 - Bland County, (C) Route 642 - Prince William County and (D) Route 823 - Amherst County. Referenced by attachment of Resolutions.

Prior to the motion staff responded to queries about (A) the process and protocol for accommodating requests (Mr. Keen stated he knew of many that have been pending - staff responded that each request is researched for legal ownership and decision is based upon need and potential future use of property by VDOT), and (B) the details of the sale or disposition (Mr. McCarthy requested that the names of the parties receiving the property and the value of the dispositions be stated in future resolutions or on the agenda - staff said that information would be provided and Mr. Mitchel stated that full disclosure is also provided during the committee discussion).

Moved by Dr. Stone, seconded by Ms. Connally. Motion carried, resolutions approved.

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URBAN DIVISION:

Agenda Item 8: Action (by single motion) on Quarterly Street Mileage Payments, specifically (A) Town of Leesburg, (B) City of Manassas, and (C) Town of Woodstock. Referenced by attachment of Resolutions.

Also provided, as an informational document but not for discussion, an overview of Urban Street Payments, Street Inventory (from 1985 - inception of program - through 2001), Payments Made (from FY 1985 to FY 2002), and a copy of the enabling legislation from the Code of Virginia.

Prior to the motion Mr. Mitchel requested that staff provide a back-up summary sheet for each locality for future presentations. Staff said that information would be provided.

Moved by Mr. Klinge, seconded by Mr. Mitchel. Motion carried, resolutions approved.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION:

Agenda Item 9: Action on Byway Designation, specifically sections of Routes 3, 204, 347, 214, 609 and 622 in Westmoreland County. Referenced by a Resolution, fact sheet, map and summary of Virginia Byways Inventory from 1974 to date.

Prior to the motion and at Mr. White's request there was a general discussion of the program including the total miles in the inventory [2,178.39], the benefits to tourism, the method used for identification of the selected routes on the state map [printed in green], the principal routes selected [usually with numbers below 600] and that the designation, while restricting advertisements, does not restrict making improvements to the roadways.

Moved by Mr. Mitchel, seconded by Mr. Bailey. Motion carried, resolution approved.

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CONSTRUCTION DIVISION:

Agenda Item 10: Action on Bids for Interstate, Primary, Secondary, Urban and Miscellaneous Projects Received June 5; July 2, 17, 18, 23, 26, and 29, 2002, for award and authorized execution of contracts by the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner or Chief Engineer, and for deferral, rejection, rescindment and authorized readvertisement, as indicated. Referenced by attachment of Bid Results Report.

Moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. White. Motion carried, report approved.

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FINANCIAL PLANNING & DEBT MANAGEMENT DIVISION:

Agenda Item 11: Action to Authorize the Issuance and Sale of Commonwealth of Virginia Federal Highway Reimbursement anticipation notes (FRANs), Series 2002. Referenced by attachment of Resolution.

Prior to the presentation of this agenda item and the subsequent motion Mr. Watson recused himself from the discussion and approval due to his employment with Davenport & Company, LLC, which is a member of the financing team; Mr. McCarthy participated in the discussion and motion for approval, but in the interest of full disclosure stated that his spouse is a partner with McGuireWoods, which is serving as underwriters' counsel to this bond issuance; Mr. White requested an overview of the debt service impact - staff stated it would be provided.

Moved by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Klinge. Motion carried, resolution approved.

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Agenda Item 12: Action to Authorize the Refunding and New Money Sale of Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Contract Revenue Bonds (TCRBs) for the Route 28 Transportation Improvement District, Series 2002. Referenced by attachment of Resolution.

Moved by Mr. Mitchel, seconded by Mr. White. Motion carried, resolution approved.

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DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:

Agenda Item 13: Action on FY 2003 Rail Preservation Program of Projects, specifically Grant Recipients - Buckingham Branch Railroad Company, Commonwealth Railroad Incorporated, Virginia Southern Railroad, Winchester and Western Railroad Company and Norfolk and Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad Company. Referenced by attachment of Resolution, fact sheets, locality resolutions, and maps.

Moved by Dr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Mitchel. Motion carried, resolution approved.

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Agenda Item 14: Action on a Rail Industrial Access Project, specifically, the Front Royal-Warren County Economic Development Authority - Northeast Cooperative, Inc. Referenced by attachment of a Resolution, fact sheet, locality resolution, and map.

Moved by Dr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Mitchel. Motion carried, resolution approved.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda Item 15: Action on Resolution to Appoint a new Secretary of the Board: J. Kenneth Klinge. Referenced by attachment of Resolution.

Moved by Mr. Mitchel, seconded by Mr. Davies. Motion carried, resolution approved.

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Agenda Item 16: Action on Resolution to Rescind Resolution of April 19, 2001, and Appoint and Reaffirm Appointment of Assistant Secretaries to the Board: Carol A. Mathis and Katherine M. Tracy, respectively. Referenced by attachment of Resolutions.

Moved by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Mitchel. Motion carried, resolution approved.

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Agenda Item 17: Action on Resolution to Rescind Resolution of December 18, 2001, and Authorize Signatures for CTB Credit Union Checking Account: Katherine M. Tracy and Carol A. Mathis. Referenced by attachment of Resolutions.

Moved by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Bailey. Motion carried, resolution approved.

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Agenda Item 18: Action on Resolution of Appreciation and Commendation for Leo J. Bevon. Referenced by attachment of the Resolution.

The Chairman read the Resolution aloud and thanked Mr. Bevon for his service to the Commonwealth as the initial Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, and for his vision and support of the Department's programs. [A suitably matted and framed rendering of the Resolution will be provided to Mr. Bevon.]

Moved by Dr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Mitchel. Motion carried, resolution approved.

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NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 19: Action on an Access Control Change - Limited Access on Route 211 - (Washington County By-Pass) - Rappahannock County. Referenced by attachment of Resolution.

Moved by Mr. Davies, seconded by Mr. Mitchel. Motion carried, resolution approved.

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Mr. Mitchel urged the Board to continue its support of and to assist in educating the public to support the pending referenda issues in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads.

Mr. Watson asked the Vice Chairman for clarification on the financial constraints as they affected the Six-Year Program. Vice Chairman Shucet stated that some projects in development, but not construction, have been stopped; some contract awards have been stopped; some public hearings have been cancelled; and some projects under construction were delayed due to late winter and early spring cash flow issues, but all those projects have been fully restored for completion.

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ADJOURNMENT: The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

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The next workshop will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. and the next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19, at 10:00 a.m., both in Richmond, Virginia.

Approved:

Chairman

Attested:

Secretary